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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHINICHI HIRATA : EXAMINER: SEAL, J.
SERIAL NO: 09/059,765 :
FILED: APRIL 14, 1998 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2131
FOR: TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
APPARATUS AND A
TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
METHOD

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF IMPROPER ACTION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 8, and 9 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A reception device for controlling an electric appliance,
comprising:

reception means for receiving an electronic mail transmitted through a network;

first extracting means for extracting encrypted certification information inserted in
said electronic mail received by said reception means;

second extracting means for extracting a control command inserted in said electronic
mail received by said reception means for controlling a remote reservation function of an